

GULF DEFENDER



Vol. 61, No. 12

Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. *Gulf Defender*

April 12, 2002

In brief

Volunteers needed

People are needed to volunteer for beach cleanup duties at Tyndall from 8-11 a.m. April 20 at the NCO Beach pavilion just past the base swimming pool.

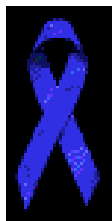
Volunteers will patrol NCO Beach and Hidden Beach to clean up marine debris such as discarded fishing line that entangles birds, sea turtles, manatees and whales and pieces of plastic that look like food to marine animals and is often found in their digestive tracts.

Call 283-2731 for more information.

Book signing

John Benefield, editor of the book "Dear Mom, Dear Sweetheart, Letters from the War," will conduct a book signing 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tuesday at the base library. The book details the difficulties both soldiers and families go through in times of war.

Inside



● Child Abuse Prevention month proclaimed ... **Page 4**

● Cops weather the times ... **Pages 8, 9**

● Air Force hits the race track ... **Page 13**

Tyndall singer Tops ... In Blue

2ND LT. RYAN FITZGERALD
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

A 325th Air Control Squadron troop's star is rising. Airman 1st Class Eboni Anderson was selected recently to the Air Force's elite entertainment group, Tops in Blue. She will become part of the storied squad that has been entertaining military members and civilians alike since 1953.

Tops in Blue was conceived as a result of Air-Force-wide talent contests. Retired Col. Al Reilly oversaw the contests, starting in 1952, then selected a troupe of the best performers. Since then, Tops in Blue has performed nearly 7,000 shows, including one Super Bowl, featured more than 1,700 performing airmen, and including TV appearances, has reached hundreds of millions of fans. The idea for such a troupe sprang from then-Major Reilly's mind as a way to reward Air Force people who were talented, but not athletic.

Tops in Blue may not be a sport, but Airman Anderson is definitely an athlete. After she was selected as one of 64 finalists for this year's team, she prepped with a rigorous workout schedule that included many aerobics sessions, which are necessary due to the exhausting routines performed by the "Tops" cast.

Airman Anderson is well prepared for an assignment such as Tops in Blue. The Cincinnati, Ohio, native attended the rigorous School for the Creative and Performing Arts, a Cincinnati college preparatory school. She joined the Air Force looking for a way to pursue higher educational goals.

She thinks she made the right choice. "I love the Air Force. The Air Force takes care of you," said Airman Anderson.

Airman Anderson is also proud of her accomplishment.

●SEE SINGER PAGE 5



Capt. Chris Karns

Hammering it home

Tech. Sgt. Shane Smith, 325th Fighter Wing command section, hammers a stud to frame a house Saturday during a Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build. About 100 base volunteers donated their labor to help house a local family.

Air Force releases more stop-loss specialties

MASTER SGT. DOROTHY GOEPEL
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – Air Force officials recently announced the release of several Air Force Specialty Codes from stop-loss, a Defense Department program designed to retain members of the armed forces beyond established dates of separation or retirement.

The announcement comes as a result of an Air Force 60-day review and applies across the board to the active duty, Air Force Re-

serve and Air National Guard forces, according to Lt. Col. Jan Middleton, chief of promotion, evaluation and separation policy at the Pentagon.

"Our exit plan calls for a gradual drawdown from stop-loss, which means we want to continue to release AFSCs with each review as long as we are able to maintain sufficient forces to meet mission requirements," she said.

The officer career fields re-

leased from stop-loss restrictions, effective May 1, are: 32E, 33S, 35P, 42F, 42G, 42N, 42P, 42S, 42T, 43P, 43Y, 44B, 44F, 44G, 44J, 44K, 44N, 44P, 44R, 44S, 44T, 44U, 45E, 45G, 45N, 45U, 47E, 47G, 47H, 47K, 47P, 47S, 51J, 61S, 62E, 63A and 64P.

The enlisted career fields released from stop-loss restrictions, effective May 1, are: 1T0X0, 2A1X0, 2A390, 2S0X2, 3C1X1, 3C1X2, 3E1X1, 3E3X1, 3E6X1, 3S1X0, 3S1X1, 3S2X0, 3S2X1,

3V000, 3V090, 3V0X1, 3V0X2, 3V0X3, 4A0X0, 4A0X1, 4B0XX, 4C0X0, 4C0X1, 4D0X0, 4D0X1, 4M0X0, 4M0X1, 4N1X1, 4P0X0, 4P0X1, 4R0X1, 4T0X0, 4T0X1, 4T0X2, 4T0X3, 4U0X0, 4U0X1, 4V0X0, 4V0X1, 4Y0X0, 4Y0X1, 4Y0X2, 5J0X0, 5J0X1, 6C0X0, 6C0X1, 8A100, 8C000, 8E000, 8G000, 8J000, 8P000, 8P100, 8R000, 8T000, 9A200, 9A300, 9C000 and 9G000.

●SEE STOP-LOSS PAGE 11

Top officials visit Team Tyndall

BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM F. HODGKINS
325th Fighter Wing commander



This week was a special one as we welcomed a visit Thursday from Dr. David Chu, Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. Doctor Chu is Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's senior policy adviser on recruitment, career development, pay and benefits for 1.4 million active-duty military members, 1.3 million Guard and Reserve members and 680,000 Department of Defense civilians. He's also responsible for overseeing the state of military readiness.

We were pleased to tour him around our base. He received mission briefings from the 325th Fighter Wing and 1st Air Force/Continental U.S. NORAD Region and toured our medical clinic, security forces, housing, dorms and other facilities. He was impressed with the professionalism of Team Tyndall folks and really enjoyed his time here. After spending some time with many of you, he clearly understands



"Family-housing residents can take advantage of a very beneficial program to get those lawns and gardens looking their best."

BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM F. HODGKINS
325th Fighter Wing commander

why the Checkertail Clan is a very dynamic, award-winning team.

Speaking of award winners, I hope to see everyone at our wing quarterly awards luncheon. It takes place at 11 a.m. April 25 in the Pelican Reef Enlisted Club.

This event is our opportunity to both honor and congratulate our very best people – the kind of folks who help our wing enjoy the tremendously strong reputation it has throughout our command and across our Air Force. See your unit first sergeant for tickets or more information about this event.

While spring is in high gear here in the

Florida Panhandle, all family-housing residents can take advantage of a very beneficial program to get those lawns and gardens looking their best. Residents can visit the housing improvement center (Building 3304) and pick up things like landscaping timbers, mulch and many other yard-improvement supplies, free of charge. (See all the details on Page 11). Don't delay, because this program ends April 25.

Especially during spring and summer months, Tyndall, like other Air Force bases, sees a big increase in the number of distinguished visitors who pass through

●SEE SPRING PAGE 7

Teacher sends pupil on 'road less traveled'

LT. COL. DARREN DURKEE
93rd Operations Support Squadron commander

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — One of my elementary teachers, Mrs. Lovell, made a huge impact on my life.

She was the kind of teacher who taught us so much more than the three Rs. She taught us about life.

I remember one day when she showed us slides of her family vacation in Hawaii. Some showed the USS Arizona Memorial with its rusty turrets peering from the sea, the oil floating on the surface and the great structure arched over the ship's remains.

While showing slides of the names of the fallen sailors etched on the memorial wall, she shared with us the story of those wicked few hours at Pearl Harbor, and she wept. That moment in that small classroom is burned into my memory.

It was the first time I realized what it really meant to love your country, to be an American. And it was the

first time I witnessed the pain that comes from an attack on the heart of America, something I hoped our nation would never experience again. But that was not to be.

Mrs. Lovell read us poetry from many of the great American poets. One of my favorites was Robert Frost, and his poem "The Road Not Taken."

"Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, and sorry I could not travel both and be one traveler, long I stood and looked down one as far as I could to where it bent in the undergrowth.

Then took the other, as just as fair, and having perhaps the better claim, because it was grassy and wanted wear;..."

Those of you who wear the uniform, you have made a choice. You have made a choice to sacrifice for your nation. You have made a choice to defend freedom and liberty. You have taken an oath to support and defend the Constitution against all enemies. Sometimes the other road may look tempting, but you have chosen the path

that was "grassy and wanted wear."

As we are once again engaged in war, this time against terrorism, I look down the road as far as I can, and I see many reasons to be thankful.

I thank Mrs. Lovell for the goose bumps I get every time I hear "The Star-Spangled Banner." I am thankful that our country has the leadership and the resolve to do what is right. And I am especially thankful for those of you who give service to this great nation as a member of the armed forces.

What you are doing will have a lasting impact on the lives of generations to follow, as did the actions of the many patriots who have gone before us. You have made a choice, and what you do in uniform each and every day, home or deployed, really does matter.

As Robert Frost said, "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I — I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." (Courtesy Air Combat Command News Service)

Action Line

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency. The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers. If you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the office of inspections, 283-4646. Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM F. HODGKINS
325th Fighter Wing commander

Gulf Defender Editorial Staff

Brig. Gen. William F. Hodgkins 325th FW commander
Capt. Chris Karns chief, 325th FW public affairs
2nd Lt. Serena Custis chief, internal information
Staff Sgt. Roel Utley editor
2nd Lt. Ryan Fitzgerald staff reporter
Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely staff reporter
Teresa Nooney News Herald staffer

The *Gulf Defender* is published by the *Panama City News Herald*, a private firm in no way connected with the U.S. Air Force, under exclusive written contract with Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. This commercial enterprise Air Force newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. military services. Contents of the *Gulf Defender* are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. government, Department of Defense or Department of the Air Force.

The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts and supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the DOD, the Department of the Air Force or the *Panama City News Herald* of the products or services advertised.

Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other non-merit factor of the purchaser, user or patron.

Editorial content is edited, prepared and provided by the public affairs office at Tyndall. All photographs are U.S. Air Force photos unless otherwise noted.

The deadline for article submissions to the *Gulf Defender* is 4 p.m. Friday, prior to the week of publication unless otherwise noted. Articles must be typed and double-spaced, preferably on a 3.5-inch disc. Stories should be submitted directly to the public affairs office, Building 662, Room 129 or mailed to: 325 FW/PAI, 445 Suwannee Ave., Tyndall AFB, FL, 32403-5425 or emailed to editor@tyndall.af.mil. Public affairs staff members edit all material for accuracy, brevity, clarity, conformity to regulations and journalistic style. The delivery of the *Gulf Defender* to Tyndall base housing sections is provided by the *Panama City News Herald*.

For more information, or to advertise in the newspaper, call (850) 747-5000.

Develop 'safety attitude' to prevent personal injury

TECH. SGT. DANNY

HUMPALA

97th Air Mobility Wing Safety Office

ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. (AETCNS)

— Even though many of us have never received any formal safety training, we've been getting advice about safety for years. You might have listened to it with one ear, but never thought much about it. Deep down, you might have thought, "It can't happen to me" or "Why do I have to listen to the same old rhetoric again?"

Then, a coworker has a bad accident. It costs him his hand and had the potential of taking his life.

This accident affects ev-

eryone — especially you. You worked closely with the person and could see what it has done to him — physical pain, emotional shock and lost income. He'll have to train for a new job, and his wife will work longer hours at her job and at home. Things are going to be tough for him and his family for the rest of his life.

After the accident, you notice your attitude at work has changed. You make a point of staying alert, more aware of your surroundings and the business at hand. You take extra time to use special equipment and procedures and are more aware of your physical ca-

pabilities. You're more willing to take suggestions that might protect you.

Why wait for the story to become reality? A positive attitude toward safety will pay off in countless ways — saving you money, keeping your job and even saving your life. Why wait until you lose something precious before you realize how easy it would have been to save it? Just for a few seconds or minutes of saved time versus a life-changing event. Now is the best time to develop a good attitude toward safety.

How you deal with these elements adds up to your safety attitude. A good at-

titude is a habit you can learn.

● **Focus.** A good attitude means you are focused on the present task. If something else is on your mind or other items of interest are going on nearby, you may be distracted. If you're tired or bored, a slip is easy. Stay focused.

● **Time.** A good attitude means taking time to do the job right. Sure, it takes longer to put on that extra safety gear or to set up the equipment. Saving a few minutes is not worth a painful injury. A good attitude also means managing your time well. It might help you to make a list of what you need to do each day. Priori-

tize the jobs going from the most important to the least. If you can do them in that order, you will know you're doing the most important things first and are less likely to rush.

● **Strength.** This isn't muscle strength, rather strength of character — to do what is right. Others may want to take shortcuts or fool around. They may ask you to "forget" to file a mishap report. A good attitude means you have the strength to do the right thing.

● **Responsibility.** If you care about yourself and others at work, you'll take responsibility even when a certain task "isn't my job."

Wouldn't you appreciate it if someone had cleaned up that broken glass instead of leaving it for you to find as slivers in your hand? A good attitude means thinking of yourself as part of the team. Everyone helps make it a winning one.

● **Risk.** There's no way to avoid all risk. Just by getting out of bed in the morning you're increasing the chances of being injured. You can weigh the risk of doing a job a certain way. Even if the risk is one in 1,000, you need to ask yourself, "Is it worth it?" and "Is there a safer way to accomplish the task?" A good attitude means being smart and avoiding unnecessary risk-taking.

Your attitude toward safety is a habit that affects everyone at work and home. Just by being more safety conscious, others may follow your lead and they will become more aware of their own actions.

We can always think of excuses for not acting with safety in mind, but in the end, it makes a lot more sense to have a good safety attitude.

There's only one way
to come out ahead
of the pack.

QUIT

 American Heart
Association
WE'RE FIGHTING FOR
YOUR LIFE

Child abuse prevention is everyone's business

COURTESY 325TH MEDICAL GROUP'S FAMILY ADVOCACY

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and there are lots of things you can do to help.

If you suspect child abuse, the first concern is to protect the child from further abuse. Report your concerns to Family Advocacy by calling 283-7272 or Florida's Department of Children and Families Hotline at (800) 962-2873.

To help prevent child abuse, there are several things you can do to help yourself or others. You can:

1. Be a nurturing parent.
2. Help a friend, neighbor or relative if they are having difficulty with their child(ren).

3. Get involved with advocate services that help families.

4. Volunteer with local child abuse prevention programs or facilities such as Family Advocacy or the Department of Children and Families.

5. Help develop parenting resources at your local library.

Another major concern in the area of child abuse prevention is determining the proper care for your child while you're away or at work. The following suggestions should be helpful when making a choice about who will care for your child.

Hearing your own baby cry can be stressful and irritating; it can be even worse for someone who doesn't have that special parent-child bond. It's up to you to be sure the person you leave your baby with can handle the situation if the baby cries for a long period of time. Use common sense and discuss this possibility with the caregiver before leaving *anyone* alone with your baby.

Ribbon locations

Blue ribbons are available at the following locations:

- Family advocacy/Life skills center*
- Health and wellness center*
- Youth center*
- Child development center*
- Pediatric clinic*
- Family practice clinic*
- Family support center*
- Library*
- Base flower shop*



Lisa Carroll

Elijah Sutton pins a blue ribbon on Brig. Gen. William Hodgkins after the general signed a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month on Tyndall and authorizing military members to wear a blue ribbon while in uniform to observe the month.

Try to assess their capability to cope with a baby crying inconsolably. Your baby's life could depend on it.

Here are some things to consider before leaving your child with someone. Don't let anyone take care of your baby by himself or herself if:

- They have a short temper.
- You have known them to lose control in the past.
- They can't pay full attention to the baby.
- They don't know how to handle a child who is difficult to comfort.
- They think that babies 0-18 months "do things on purpose to make you angry."

None of us are immune to the feelings of frustration that occur when a baby continues to cry. Here's a familiar scenario.

It's 1 a.m. and you have been up for the last hour and a half with a crying baby. You've got to get some sleep because of an inspection at 6:30 a.m. You have already checked to see if the baby is hungry, needs to be changed, is too warm or too cold. What now?

Rosemary Cunningham, a registered nurse with Tyndall's New Parent Support Program offers these suggestions to calm a crying baby.

- Rock the baby.
- Walk with the baby.
- Bundle the baby in a blanket.
- Play some music.
- Rub the baby's back.
- Give the baby a pacifier.
- Read to the baby.
- Leave a soft light on in the baby's room.
- Take the baby for a ride in the car.

If none of these suggestions work, it's OK to let the baby cry. Put the baby on his or her side in a safe place, such as a crib or playpen and take a short break, but check on the baby at intervals. If possible, call someone else to come take care of the baby, or try to find a quiet place in your home where you can relax. Of course, you should never leave a baby home alone.

For more information on the New Parent Support Program or to contact Family Advocacy, call 283-7272.

Career Program applicants must self-nominate

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER — Civilians interested in applying for specific job positions must now self-nominate under the Air Force's Career Program system.

Career Programs, which will begin utilizing the modern Defense Civilian Personnel Data System Monday, provides a centralized merit promotion system used to fill mid-level and senior management civilian positions throughout the

Air Force.

Career Program registration is no longer required to apply and compete for covered positions, say personnel officials.

Permanent Air Force employees do not need to submit a resume with their self-nomination unless one is requested in the job announcement. Applicants not currently associated with the Air Force are required to submit a resume for employment consideration.

Vacancies will be announced through the Civilian Announcement System (CANS) beginning April 19.

People interested in a job must then self-nominate via the AFPC's employment home page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil or call toll-free (800) 997-2378 or (210) 527-2378 within the San Antonio area.

Self-nomination for open jobs also includes people stationed at

Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; Tinker AFB, Okla.; and Robins AFB, Ga., who were not included in the Feb. 15 modern DCPDS turn-on.

Employees are encouraged to subscribe to CANS at their Web site: www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afss.

Additional information on self-nomination for Career Program covered positions and the modern DCPDS can be found at: www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cp.

●FROM SINGER PAGE 1

"It's an awesome feeling! It's also a little overwhelming, because the job is so overwhelming."

The road to her selection started here at Tyndall, where she has sung the national anthem for several different occasions including the recent Operations Group change-of-command, a pair of retirements and many air control squadron graduations. All that singing paid off when she was selected after competing against thirty other female vocalists who had made it to the highest echelon of performance art this side of full-time performing.

"I am extremely proud of Airman Anderson. She's a

very talented and extremely hard-working young airman and sets a great example for her peers," said Brig. General William Hodgkins, 325th Fighter Wing commander. "She's going to be an outstanding ambassador for the United States Air Force."

"Airman Anderson is a great troop. And this is a great opportunity for someone as talented as she is. The entire squadron is very excited for her," said Lt. Col. Charles Still, 325th Air Control Squadron commander.

Airman Anderson leaves April 21 for six weeks of practice and conditioning before beginning the Tops' 49th show season. She'll end her commitment this time next year.

Spotlight



Staff Sgt. Roel Utley

Airman 1st Class Meagan Altizer

Job title: Weapons director technician

Hometown: Roanoke, Va.

Years in service: 11 months

Years at Tyndall: 6 months

Most exciting facet of your job: Never knowing what is going to happen during your day at work ... how your mission is going to go, what is going to happen next. Being prepared for anything.

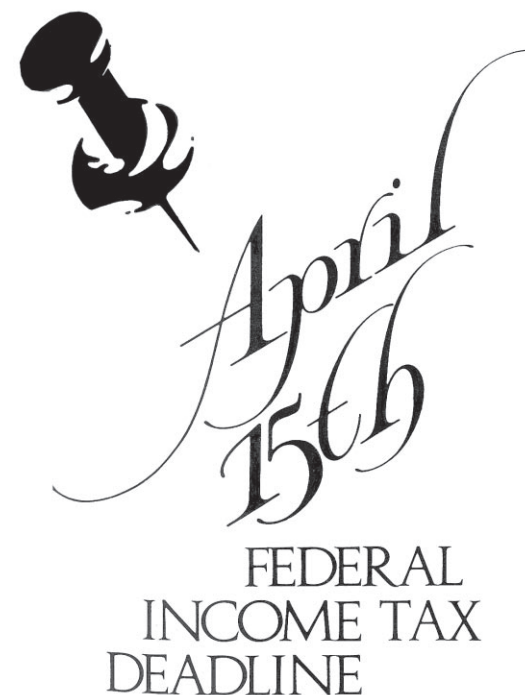
Why you joined the Air Force: My reason for joining the Air Force is as common as the next person's — to see the world, leave home, all of the opportunities, go to college and to have/start a career.

Long-term goals: My main long-term goal is to complete a bachelor's degree in physiology as well as study a foreign language and speak it fluently.

Favorite book: The Bible

Favorite movie: "When a Man Loves a Woman" and "Message in a Bottle"

Hobbies/activities: I enjoy writing, playing softball and helping others by getting involved with functions on base as well as in the community.



Nonvolunteer recruiters will ‘meet or beat’ goal

MASTER SGT. RON TULL
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The first nonvolunteer recruiters have made it through their “rookie” period and are helping the Air Force meet its recruiting goal.

Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, Air Force Recruiting Service commander, said they are making a real difference.

“They’ve hit the street running, and they’re doing a great job out there,” General Deal said. “They’re fired up. They were all screened from the best (noncommissioned officers) in the Air Force to begin with.”

The change to the way the Air Force selects recruiters was announced in November 2000. The first group of people selected began school in the spring.

After graduating and moving to their assignments, the new recruiters were put on a probation period as “rookie recruiters.” Now, nearly a year later, most are officially “on goal” and recruiting for the Air Force.

“Some people may call them part of a nonvolunteer force,” General Deal said. “I won’t. I say it’s a highly selected, screened force.”

Every staff through master sergeant-select in the Air Force was screened, having to score a 5 on the last three enlisted performance reports.

“Out of 83,000 (sergeants), that screening got the numbers down to 17,000,” he said.

Other factors were considered before names were forwarded to the AFRS. Those included a screening by the individual’s commander and first sergeant. In the first round, about 12,600 NCOs were looked at as possible selectees.

Selection was not automatic. The recruiting service then conducted interviews, and also used a screening tool unique to the AFRS called the Emotional Quotient Inventory.

The EQI is similar to personality tests used in the corporate world for careers that interact with customers, and has been adapted to measure an individual’s potential for suc-

cess as an Air Force recruiter.

“For example, you can be a great wrench-turner, but if you don’t have those basic interaction skills and outlook, we’d be setting you up for failure,” General Deal said.

An important change in the culture of the recruiting service is that production and appraisal ratings have been “decoupled,” General Deal said.

“Recruiting service once had the highest rate in the Air Force of marking down EPRs,” he said. “That situation no longer exists. You can’t afford to go out and kill those careers, you’ve got to recognize their efforts.”

A recruiting tour of duty can be rewarding, General Deal

said. Recruiters enjoy the responsibility of being the Air Force’s sole representative in the community, and many times that location is their hometown or a familiar community.

The Air Force was the last service to have an all-volunteer recruiter force. After failing to make the recruiting goal in 1999 for the first time in 20 years, a recruiting and retention task force recognized that the volunteer system could not keep up with the need for more recruiters.

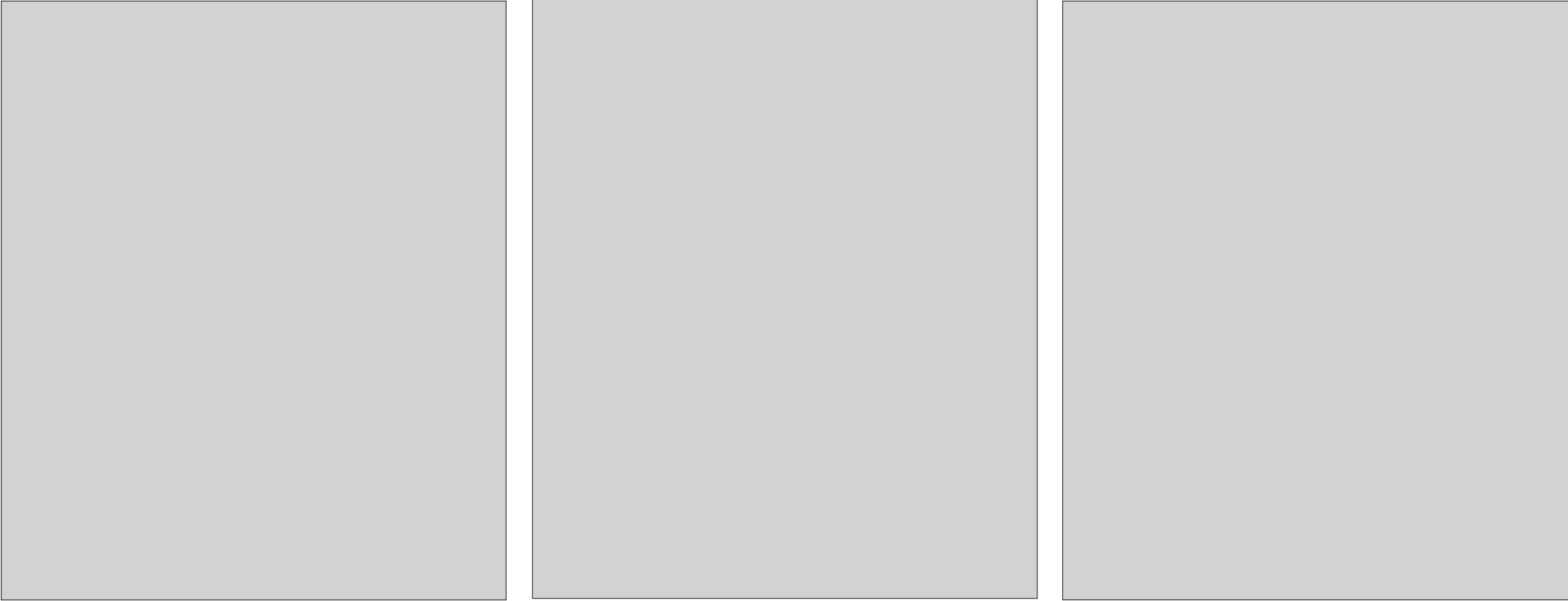
According to General Deal’s testimony to the Senate Armed Services Committee in March, the Air Force will meet or beat its recruiting goal for 2002 and is well positioned to meet goals for 2003.

Re-enlistments

The following individuals assigned to Tyndall re-enlisted in March.

Staff Sgt. Pablo Jr. Aguilar, 325th ADS
Staff Sgt. Antonio D. Armstrong, 2nd FS
Staff Sgt. Terry M. Bodkin, 83rd FWS
Staff Sgt. Charles D. Cape, 95th FS
Tech. Sgt. James R. Cerf, 325th LSS
Staff Sgt. David S. Coleman, 1st FS
Staff Sgt. Stayezek M. Coleman, 83rd FWS
Senior Airman Kevin L. Collins, 95th FS
Staff Sgt. Brian K. Crawford, 95th FS
Tech. Sgt. Allen S. Daniels, DET 2, 28th TS
Senior Master Sgt. Terry M. Day, AFCESA
Tech. Sgt. Douglas Dean, 95th FS
Senior Airman Jonathan G. Easter, 95th FS
Tech. Sgt. John E. Jr. Golloway, 83rd FWS
Senior Airman Jose T. Hernandez-Torres, 325th CS
Senior Airman Brian E. Hill, 325th CES
Master Sgt. Kevin J. Howell, 325th ACS
Tech. Sgt. Steven W. Jackey, 83rd FWS

Staff Sgt. Derek R. Kelly, 823rd RHS
Senior Airman Adam M. Kruse, 1st FS
Senior Airman Daniel G. Jr. Lloyd, 95th FS
Master Sgt. Robert E. Jr. Lyons, 83rd FWS
Tech. Sgt. James J. Manning III, 325th LG
Staff Sgt. Carey D. Mathis, 325th FW
Tech. Sgt. Mary F. Mattern, 83rd FWS
Master Sgt. Jeffery L. Mayer, 82nd ATRS
Senior Airman Ernest L. McMillan, 325th MXS
Tech. Sgt. Stuart K. Nikolas, 325th MXS
Tech. Sgt. Valerie Pickett, NCOA
Staff Sgt. Jeffery C. Rivera, 372nd TRS
Tech. Sgt. Jody C. Root, AFCESA
Master Sgt. Vyanne J. Roush, 325th SVS
Senior Master Sgt. Stephen J. Rudat, 823rd RHS
Staff Sgt. Erin M. Sentelle, 325th CPTS
Senior Master Sgt. Guy W. Smith, 16th EWS
Staff Sgt. Nathan E. Walch, 325th CES
Senior Airman Amanda J. Waseman, 325th MDOSS
Staff Sgt. Robert M. Wilson, 2nd FS
Staff Sgt. Terisa B. Womack, 1st FS





Raptor hatching
Raptor 4018, which is scheduled to be the first delivered to Tyndall in 2003, is assembled at Lockheed Martin's Marietta, Ga., plant.

Lockheed Martin courtesy photos



●FROM SPRING PAGE 2

our gates. When DVs visit us, we like to tour them through the housing and dormitory areas – old and new alike.

Our next chance to show off our base is during the upcoming visit by Gen. Donald Cook, commander of Air Education and Training Command, in May. We need to show we care about the environment we live in and make it look its best. However, upkeep of residences is something we should always practice. Some of our residences could use sprucing up, especially in the areas of edging, trimming and removing clutter. So, come on base housing neighbors, let's show pride in our homes and neighborhoods and get some much-needed cleanup done.

I appreciate the work the majority of our residents put into their homes; it really goes a long way in making Team Tyndall a better place to live and work.

Speaking of making the community a better place, I want to thank our volunteers who turned out in record numbers last weekend for our most recent Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build. Your efforts are providing low-cost housing for less-fortunate folks in our community who ordinarily wouldn't have an opportunity to own their own home. You're also showing our community neighbors that we're always ready to lend a helping hand whenever and whenever it's needed.

Before I close, I want to invite everyone to hit the links for the Chiefs' golf tournament here April 27 (see details on Page 13). Any Tyndall chief master sergeant can get you signed up or give you more information. Proceeds for this event will help boost a variety of worthy projects for Team Tyndall airmen and their families. Hope to see you there! Be safe and enjoy your week!

Cops, augmentees weather the times

TECH. SGT. DAN NEELY
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Torrents of rain from an early morning thunderstorm nearly obscure the Sabre Gate area as 325th Security Forces Squadron airmen and their augmentees check motorists' ID cards before entering the base. But none of the entry controllers is frowning. Neither driving rain nor continual extended shifts seem to be dampening the spirits of Tyndall's defenders.

According to SFS officials, these kinds of work and environmental factors, along with the post-9-11 world, aren't causing their people to lose sight of their importance to Tyndall's mission. The SFS team includes additional duty augmentees from throughout the 325th Fighter Wing known as Resource Augmentation Duty or READY personnel.

"Collectively, our SF and READY personnel are the best in the business," said Senior Master Sgt. Dan Barber, 325th SFS operations superintendent. "Since 9-11, they continue to be Tyndall's rock in ensuring the safety and security of our critical resources, permanent party, TDY and visiting personnel."

Sergeant Barber said remaining professional and business-like through each



Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely

Working enormous lines of traffic in fair or foul weather is all in a day's work for many Tyndall security forces members.



During a driving rainstorm, security forces augmentee Senior Airman James Coleman, assigned to the 2nd Fighter Squadron, extends a friendly greeting after checking a motorist's ID card at the Sabre Gate.

force-protection condition phase is a tribute to the pride and sense of duty each exhibits on a daily basis. "With 12 - 14 hour shifts being the "norm" for security forces, our dedicated READY forces stepped right in and adjusted very well to extended duty hours," he said.

Some of the many adjustments Tyndall security forces made in the wake of 9-11 include expanded search methods for commercial delivery vehicles and increased random searches of vehicles entering the installation. Explosive detector dog teams were fully integrated into the screening process.

Additionally, visitors attempting to enter the base require a valid sponsor who is personally contacted and verified by visitor control center members. And the CONR/SEADS (U.S. Continental NORAD Region/Southeastern Air De-

fense Sector) mission added a new dimension as their role in protecting CONUS airspace was redefined.

Despite the spike in workload after 9-11 events, SFS was faced with the daunting task of providing security throughout the Gulf Coast Salute open house during increased force-protection conditions.

"We were the first Air Force installation to host an air show since 9-11 and we had to completely adjust the security template from past shows," Sergeant Barber said.

Following the open house, event officials gave high praise to the SFS team for their work in making it a success.

"The biggest contributing factor for our success had to be the terrific attitude of everyone involved," Sergeant

SEE COPS PAGE 9



Capt. Chris Karns

Tyndall people build a 'Home Sweet Home'

Above: Staff Sgt. Rick Dotson, 81st Test and Support Squadron, and Esther Morgan, a Bay County volunteer, work together to help frame a house during the local community's Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build Saturday. Above right: About 100 Tyndall volunteers had a hand in the project. Bottom right: Master Sgt. Glenn Russell, F-22 Integration Office, helps construct a doorway for the new home.



FROM COPS PAGE 8

Barber said. "When the pressure was on, they all understood their individual role was important and assignments were completed in textbook fashion."

Sergeant Barber said the entire SF team is grateful for the support it receives from wing READY troops.

"We're delighted with the way our READY needs are emphasized and supported by wing leadership," he said. "Without READYs, we're unable to provide optimal protection of the many critical resources located on Tyndall. We owe thanks to each READY Review Board member who heard our petition to increase the number of authorized READYs in response to force-protection changes introduced post 9-11."

In the absence of available READYs, life at Tyndall for the SFS and other base members would be more than difficult, Sergeant Barber said.

"Besides a tough work schedule for security forces, imagine a longer wait at the gates, areas of the base going without patrol coverage for extended periods of time and inadequate security around some of our protection level resources," he said. "READYs are a huge part of our unit and a critical link in the successful operation of our base's mission."

One Tyndall READY troop posted at the Sabre Gate said his interest in the role wasn't defined by post-9-11 events.

"I've wanted to do this long before 9-11," said Se-

nior Airman James Coleman, 2nd Fighter Squadron, who has served as a READY augmentee for more than a year at Tyndall. "I've always wanted to learn about what they (security forces) do, about all the different jobs they do all around the base. It's really helped me appreciate them more than ever."

READY augmentees undergo a week-long training program conducted by the security forces training section. There, they learn the basics of installation entry control, restricted area protection standards, challenging intruders, physical apprehension/restraint techniques and use of force/deadly force. They also fire for qualification the M9 handgun and M16A2 rifle. Once assigned to flight, SF NCOs and airmen are responsible for continuing the process through intense on-the-job training and practical exercises.

Even as heavy rain pelted him in the face while he checked hundreds of motorists' ID cards, Airman Coleman still smiled as he greeted them in a seemingly unending line of inbound traffic.

"I like being on the gates," he said. "Usually traffic is so bad that people are already in a bad mood when they come through the gate. So I just smile and let them know we're sorry about the wait, but that we're just doing our best to protect them. Then when I see some of them smile or even laugh, it feels good to know they understand we're really here to help them."



Senior Airman Kendra Levtzow, 325th SFS, answers a motorist's question at the Sabre Gate.

Hurricane season nears
Col. Joseph Sokol, 325th Support Group commander, displays the American Red Cross's traveling sign warning north Florida residents that hurricane season will soon be upon us. The traveling sign made a stop at Tyndall on its way to Mexico Beach.



Lisa Carroll

Air Force clubs offer three scholarships for essays

COURTESY 325TH SERVICES SQUADRON

SAN ANTONIO – The Air Force Services Agency is sponsoring the sixth annual Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program.

“Three scholarships will be awarded to Air Force club members or to eligible family members,” said Fred Fried, chief of the club operations branch. “First place is \$5,000, second is \$3,000 and third is \$2,000.”

The scholarships will be presented by Oct. 1.

Applicants need to be accepted by, or enrolled in, an accredited college or

university for the Fall of 2002 in either undergraduate or graduate studies. Plus, club membership as of June 30, 2002, is needed for eligibility.

To enter, nominees must provide an essay of 500 words or less, entitled, “Air Force Clubs – How To Continue The Tradition.”

All entrees should be submitted on standard white bond paper with one-inch margins. Essays must be typed in 12-point Arial, Times New Roman or a similar font.

Tyndall AFB entries must be submitted to the 325th Services Squadron’s marketing office by July 15.

An entry form which includes the sponsor’s name, last four digits of the sponsor’s club membership card number, base, club name, and the entrant’s full name and mailing address must be submitted with the package. If a nominee is a family member, the relationship to the club cardholder should be noted.

Additionally, a one-page summary of the nominee’s long-term career/life goals and previous accomplishments must be included. The summary should include civic, athletic, and academic awards and accomplishments.

Air Force clubs have awarded

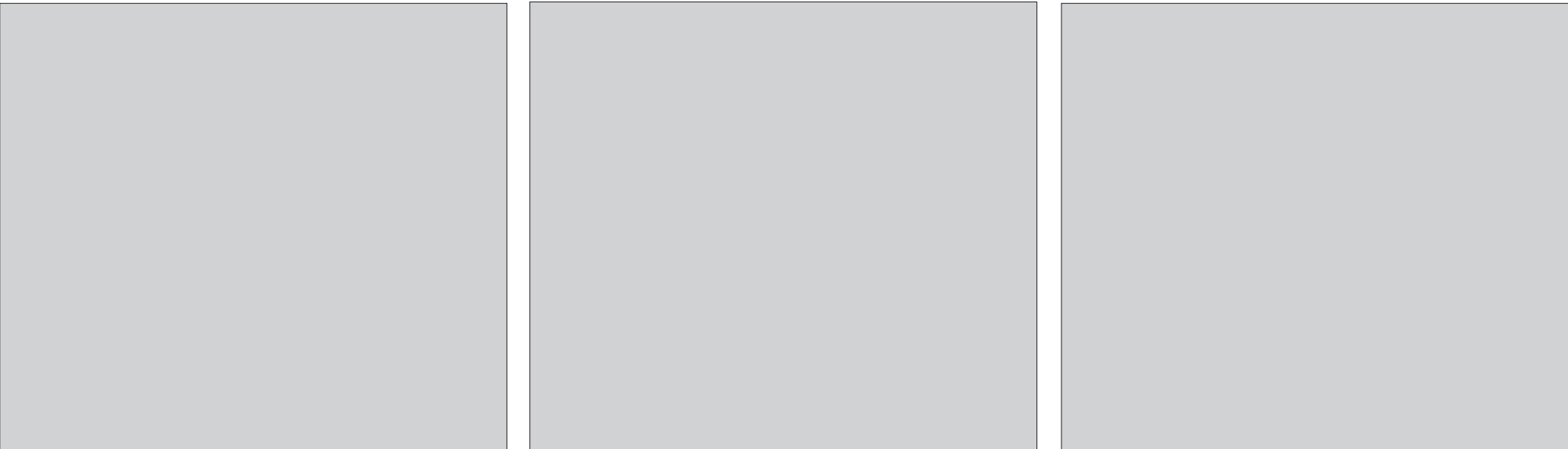
\$50,000 in scholarships in previous years.

“This is just another example of some of the great benefits and values club membership offers,” said Mr. Fried.

Anyone interested in participating or needing additional information on the program can access www.afsv.af.mil/clubs/scholarship.htm.

Information packages are available from the enlisted club, officers’ club or the services marketing office beginning Monday.

More information is also available by contacting the marketing office at 283-4565.





2nd Lt. Ryan Fitzgerald

Springtime spruce up

Tom Berrier, DGR Inc. project manager, looks over an order of plants. Tyndall Military Housing residents can pick up landscaping timbers, mulch and other yard-improvement supplies noon-7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m.-noon Saturday from the housing-improvement center, Building 3304. Plants can be ordered noon-7 p.m. on Wednesdays and picked up 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays or ordered 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays and picked up noon-7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call Steve Calhoun at 283-4689 for information. The plant program ends April 25.

●FROM STOP-LOSS PAGE 1

During each cyclical review, Colonel Middleton explained, major commands, Air Staff and Secretariat functionals and officials at the Air Force Personnel Center review all AFSCs for possible release.

“We review current manning and authorizations, the number of people deployed for Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, the number of Air Reserve Center personnel mobilized, and overall health of the career fields,” Colonel Middleton said. “We will conduct subsequent reviews every 60 days to allow individuals some stability and allow our requirements to solidify.”

Members who are deployed in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, or related operations, and Reserve/Guard components who are voluntarily or involuntarily on active duty in support of these operations or related operations, will not be released until they return from deployment or are demobilized, officials said.

Officials emphasized that stop-loss is devised to meet all operational requirements in addition to Operation Noble Eagle and Operation Enduring Freedom. For instance, they

point out, the armed forces will continue to conduct operations in Southwest Asia.

Some military members have the misperception that stop-loss is being used as a manning tool, Colonel Middleton said.

“Though it’s easy to make that assumption,” Colonel Middleton said, “it is absolutely not true. Manning is certainly one of the factors taken into consideration, but it is looked at in terms of what is needed to meet current mission requirements.”

Stop-loss does not mean servicemembers are prohibited from retiring, being discharged or separating. A waiver may be granted based on specific circumstances, officials said.

“We really want to do right by our servicemembers,” Colonel Middleton said. “Many families had to put their plans on hold when stop-loss was implemented. We are grateful for their service and their sacrifices. We are trying to balance their needs with our commitment to operational requirements.

“The career fields that we have recommended for release from stop-loss are still subject to world events. If world events change significantly, we will have to re-evaluate our decisions.”

Thinking of getting out?

THINK AGAIN!

Make sure you’ve got all the facts first! Contact **Chief Master Sgt. Ron Georgia**, 325th Fighter Wing career assistance adviser, at **283-2222** for information on your career and its future.

Your link to what's going on

Gulf Guide

in the
Tyndall community

APRIL

FRI
12

Debt-management class

A brown-bag lunch-time debt management and debt reduction class is 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. today in the family support center classroom. For more information or to make reservations, call the family support center, 283-4204.

OSC crystal bingo

The Officers' Spouses Club's Waterford crystal bingo event will be 6 p.m. Tuesday. Reservations should be made by noon today. For more information, call Susan Reents, 286-2890.

MON
15

EIT exam

The Gulf Coast Chapter of the Florida Engineering Society's 23-lesson Engineer in Training exam review course will begin Monday evening and continue every Monday through Sept. 30 at Gulf Coast Community College. The course is designed for those who plan to take the Florida State EIT exam on Oct. 26. Registration is at the GCCC campus. For more information and to indicate intent of registration, call Doug Merkle, 283-6113 or 871-3132 or e-mail ddhmerkle@aol.com.

TUE
16

Focus 56 meeting

A Focus 56 meeting for staff sergeant selects through technical sergeants will be 3 p.m. Tuesday in the NCO Academy auditorium. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Bryon Nelson, 283-8742.

GCCC placement test

The Gulf Coast Community College placement test will be 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Tyndall Education Center. There is a \$4 fee to take the test and space is limited. For more information, call the education center, 283-4332.

WED
17

NCOA meeting

A Noncommissioned Officer Association meeting will be 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Emerald Room of the community activities center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Robert Barnett, 283-8734.

GCCC registration

Registration for Gulf Coast Community College's

summer term will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday in Room 45-A of the education center. For more information, call the education center, 283-4332.

Back-injury prevention course

A back-injury prevention course will be 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in the base hospital training classroom. Dr. J.T. Caldwell, an American Red Cross instructor and local chiropractor, will discuss the causes of back pain and how to identify and reduce the risk factors associated with back injury. For more information or to register, call the Red Cross, 763-6587.

NOTES

Guardian ad Litem training

The next training session for those interested in joining the Guardian ad Litem program begins Monday. Guardians ad Litem represent abandoned, abused or neglected children in court. For more information, call 747-5180.

81st TSS reunion

The 81st Test Support Squadron, Tyndall Air Force Base, is planning a reunion to celebrate 45 years of Gulf range support. Events are scheduled from Aug. 29-31 in Panama City Beach and at Tyndall. All members, former members and distinguished visitors of the 81st TSS and its previous unit designations are invited to attend. For more information, call 283-3093 or visit the Web page at: <http://81tssreunion.topcities.com>.

Summer employment opportunities

The 2002 summer employment program for Tyndall has begun. Applicants must be 18 years old, a high school graduate and a United States citizen. Those interested may submit a job application at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afjobs. The job kit must be on file prior to self-nomination to vacancy announcements. At the Web site, under Menu, click Summer Jobs for more detailed information and to view vacancy announcements. For information, call 283-3203.

Free AMVETS memberships

The American Veterans Post 2298 in Callaway is offering free memberships to the first 100 new members during the month of April. AVETS is open to all active-duty personnel as well as former military personnel with honorable discharges. Post 2298 is located at 5510 Highway 22. For more information, call 784-0066 or 814-0885.

Fire extinguishers available

Fire extinguishers are available for military family housing residents at the DGR self-help center. The center is open noon-7 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Project officer needed

A project officer is needed for planning an Asian American-Pacific Islander Heritage Month event scheduled for May. The military or civilian employee who volunteers for the position should contact the military equal opportunity office and must be appointed by the 325th Fighter Wing commander. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Darryll Woodson, 283-2759 or 283-2751.

Hospital volunteers needed

The American Red Cross is in need of volunteers at the base hospital. Help is needed in the pediatrics, internal medicine, family practice and physical therapy clinics. For more information, call Naomi Woodruff at the American Red Cross, 283-2770 or 763-6587.

RETIREE NEWS

BCAC directory

The Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordinator is a Congressionally mandated initiative implemented by the TRICARE Management Activity to improve customer service and satisfaction, enhance beneficiary education and help reduce the volume of Congressional inquiries from beneficiaries. The Fiscal 2000 National Defense Authorization Act mandated the establishment of BCAC positions, full time at Lead Agent offices and collaterally at Military Treatment Facilities worldwide. Personnel assigned as BCACs act as a preventive mechanism for troubleshooting and resolving TRICARE and Military Health System-related issues and concerns. To assist in locating the BCAC that supports your area, an online directory is available at: www.tricare.osd.mil/tricare/beneficiary/BCACDirectory.htm.

Individuals with TRICARE-related problems are asked to contact their BCAC for assistance. The BCAC office at Tyndall is located in the Health Plans Management Office in the main clinic building near ambulance services. A counselor can be reached by calling 283-7331.

Social Security cards

Social Security Administration officials explain that the first step when requesting a new SS card is to complete an application and show identification. Anyone just needing a replacement card can use a driver's license, employer identification card or a passport to prove their identity. Individuals who need to change the name on their cards will also need proof of their old name and new name. Original documents or copies certified by the issuing agency must be taken to the Social Security office. Photocopies will not be accepted.

Anyone planning to visit the local Social Security office should take a look at the Web site first at: www.ssa.gov/replace_sscard.html to make sure they are taking all the required documents. The Web page provides all the necessary information to apply for a card in person or by mail. The application form can also be downloaded.

YARD SALES

The following yard sales are scheduled for Saturday: 2930-A Bomarc St. and 3435-B Maysey Court. All yard sales are held between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Air Force puts anti-drug message ‘on track’

WASHINGTON (AFPN)—Air Force officials announced a partnership April 5 with the Office of National Drug Control Policy to carry anti-drug messages to millions of young people with a specially designed racecar with the slogan “Racing: My Anti-Drug.”

The No. 34 car, driven by rookie Stuart Kirby and owned by Spencer Motor Ventures, will run 15 televised races this year in the NASCAR Busch Series.

Kirby drove the car on its inaugural race April 6 in the O’Reilly 300 at Texas Motor Speedway near Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas, but left the race early in a first lap crash.

NASCAR has a fan base of 75 million; 3 million of whom are teen-agers, the media campaign’s target audience.

“Our partnership is a natural fit,” said Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, commander of Air Force Recruiting Service. “One of our core messages to young people is they must graduate from high school drug free. We want young men and women to keep all of their career options open. Drug use closes many of the doors they have otherwise open.”

The campaign encourages youth to seek



Courtesy photo

Air Force officials announced a partnership April 5 with the Office of National Drug Control Policy to carry anti-drug messages to millions of young people with a specially designed race car with the slogan “Racing: My Anti-Drug.” The No. 34 car, driven by rookie Stuart Kirby and owned by Spencer Motor Ventures, will run 15 televised races this year in the NASCAR Busch Series.

out positive things in their lives that stand between them and drugs,” said John P. Walters, director of ONDCP.

“We know that for many young people, being involved in sports is a powerful deterrent to using drugs,” Walters said.

“Joining efforts with the U.S. Air Force and a young talent such as Stuart Kirby, drives home the message that by rejecting drugs, your goals can be achieved.”

Kirby is a 20-year old Kentucky native who began racing go-karts at age 11. After winning local and state races, he moved on to world competitions and fulfilled his dream of racing at the Daytona International Speedway.

He attributes his success to the influence of his father and his devotion to the sport.

“Racing has always been the one thing that keeps me going,” said Kirby. “Driving in NASCAR is a goal I would never have accomplished if I had wasted my time with drugs.”

By carrying the “Racing: My Anti-Drug” brand on his car, Kirby said he plans to promote anti-drug messages to NASCAR fans and youth across America. He will join veteran NASCAR driver Jimmy Spencer in using interviews and appearances to engage youth in considering and declaring their “anti-drugs,” or the positive things that stand between them and drugs. (Courtesy of Air Force Recruiting Service)

\$10,000 top prize in scholarship golf tourney

COURTESY AIR FORCE CIVIL ENGINEER SUPPORT AGENCY

The Society of American Military Engineers will hold its 17th annual Scholarship Golf Tournament, May 10 at the Pelican Point Golf Course.

Proceeds raised during the tournament are used to provide scholarships to Bay County high school students interested in engineering, math or science careers, and to sponsor a Bay County high school student at the annual SAME Engineering and Construction Summer Camp at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

The tournament begins at noon with a shotgun start. It is open to everyone, but space is limited. The entry fee is \$35, which includes green fees, golf cart rental, range balls and snacks and refreshments after the tournament (an additional \$12 green fee will be charged to nonmembers).

The top prized offered this year is \$10,000 for a hole-in-one on the 15th hole. There will also be special drawings and prizes for team finishes, closest to pin on the 9th hole, the longest drive and the straightest drive.

“This is the second year in a row we’ve offered the \$10,000,” said Col. Michael

Cook, president of SAME’s Panama City post. “No one won it last year, but who knows what can happen.”

Dana Voight, tournament chairperson, said the tournament raised \$3,400 last year. “People may wish to sign up early because it’s a very popular tournament. We get great support not just because of the prizes, but because people know the money is used to support local high school students who want to go to college.”

For more information or to register for the tournament call Voight at 283-6521 or e-mail him at dana.voight@tyndall.af.mil. Registration ends May 3.

Sports briefs

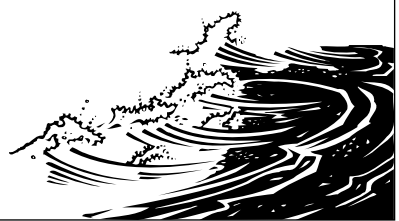
Chiefs’ golf tournament

The Tyndall Chiefs’ annual golf tournament will be 7:30 a.m. April 27 at the Pelican Point Golf Course. The cost is \$30 for golf course members or \$40 for nonmembers and includes cart and entry fee, prizes, plus a meal during the award presentations. The tournament is open to everyone – interested individuals may form their own teams. For more information or to sign up, call the Pelican Point Pro Shop, 283-4389, or contact any Tyndall chief master sergeant.

Intramural Standings												
Volleyball Team standings are current as of April 9.			WEG	5	2	372TRS	2	6	MXS	6	WEG	4
			OSS	4	2	28 TS	1	4	2FS	6	CES	3
			CONR	3	2	83RD	1	4	95FS	6	362TRS	3
			Team	W	L	MDG	4	3	ACS2	0	7	ACS
AFCESA	5	0	RHS	3	3				CONR 1	6	LSS	2
ACS 1	5	1	MXS	3	4	Golf			AFCESA	4.5	MEDGP	1.5
COMM	4	1	MSS	2	3	Team	Total points		COMM	4.5	CONR 2	1.5
1FS	5	2	SEADS	2	5	MSS 1	6		SEADS	4		



Funshine NEWS



April 12, 2002

This page is produced by the 325th Services Marketing office, 283-4565.

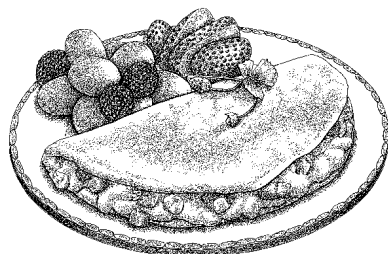
All Ranks Super Sunday Brunch!

at the Officers' Club

April 14

9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

\$6.95 Members
\$8.95 Non-members



Menu Includes:

- Omelets (made to order)
- Belgian Waffles
- Sausage
- Bacon
- Hash Browns
- Fresh Fruit
- Muffins
- Danish
- Biscuits & Gravy

For more information call:

283-4357

Running Club

Join the **Tyndall Running Club** to train and race with others to compete at this years Air Force marathon. Kickoff meeting is April 18, 3:45 at the CAC Emerald Room. Contact Lt. Bill McTernan or Martin Littlefield at Fitness Center, 283-2631.



<http://home.mmcable.com/snbc.net/TAFBRRunningClub.html>

Skills Development Ctr.

© 283-4511

Woodworking Class

Ladies wood working class "Spruce up for Spring" - Yard art and picnic tables. Class cost: \$4. All wood at 10% above cost. Duration: 2 Hours. Call in advance to schedule your class.

Graphic Impressions is Moving

We will be closed the week of April 15 in order relocate to Building 1311 on Suwanne Ave. Come visit us April 22 at our new location! **283-2228**

Community Activities Center

© 283-2495

Ballroom Dance Classes

(Swing- Waltz-Slowing Dancing)
Starts April 19, 7 p.m. in CAC ballroom. Cost: \$32.50 for singles; \$65 per couple for 4 week sessions. Deadline for sign-up: April 18.

Tae Kwon Do/Chung Do Kwan (ITF) Class

Mon-Tue-Wed, 6 p.m. in CAC ballroom. 10 classes for \$30.

Base Library

© 283-4287

Library Book Sale

The next book sale is Thurs. April 25 through Sunday April 28 during regular library hours. The library needs your donations of hardcover and paperback books to make this book sale a success. All proceeds are used to buy new library materials. Some of the books you donate are added to the library collection.

Marina Club

© 283-3059

NASCAR Sundays

Enjoy NASCAR Sundays at the Marina club with food and beverage specials and door prizes. Call for details.

Friday Seafood Lunch Buffet

It's back! Come try our seafood lunch buffet on Fridays 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Cost is \$6.50 and includes soft drink or tea. This is an All-You-Can-Eat buffet!

Scuba Lessons

Spring special only \$125.00 for open water certification.

Dive and Fishing Charters

Deep sea and bay fishing, trolling or bottom fishing: \$75 per operating hour, everything included. Four hour minimum.

Youth Center

© 283-4366

April is Month of the Military Child & National Child Abuse Prevention Month!

Start Smart Baseball

Get your 3-5 year old ready for organized baseball. Sign up for Start Smart Baseball and work one-on-one with your child. Program runs April 20, 27, May 4, 11 at 9 a.m. Cost is \$30.

Red Cross Babysitting Course

April 20, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Ages 11 and up. Cost is \$30. Make checks payable to Red Cross.

Diamond Skills Competition

Sign up now for this annual baseball skills competition for boys & girls ages 7-14. Event is May 4.

Bonita Bay Outdoor Rec.

© 283-3199

Boat Safety Course

Take the approved State of Florida test on-line free at www.boatus.com. Print out the certificate once you pass and then come down to rent boats.

Kayak Classes

\$40 per class. Apr 14, May 12, June 9

Sailing & Windsurfing Classes

Cost \$40 per person. Minimum age: 10. 2 day courses, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Call for dates.

Family Child Care

© 283-2266

Arriving or Departing?

Air Force Aid offers free child care in Family Child Care Homes. Contact the relocation personnel in the Family Support Center for your PCS certificate. A list of FCC providers is available through the FCC office in building 1309.

Child Care for Volunteers

Child care for volunteers is available through FCC homes for parents volunteering in base activities.

New Office Hours

Mon.: Noon-2 p.m.
Tues.: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Wed.: 11 a.m.-Noon
Thurs.: 2-3 p.m.

Information, Tickets & Travel

© 283-2499

St. Augustine Tour April 19-21

Cost per person double occupancy is \$195. Price includes tickets for sightseeing, accommodations and transportation.

Visual Arts Center and Antiques Shopping April 23

Cost per person \$2. Depart at 9 a.m. and return by 3 p.m.

Garage Sale Trip April 27

Cost per person is \$5 and space is limited. Depart at 6:30 a.m. and return by 2 p.m.

Summer Cruise Special

Call for information on 6-7 day summer cruise specials through Carnival. 283-2864.

**Starts April 14, 2002****Sunday Night • 6 p.m.****(Bowl for 16 Weeks*)****Ball and Bag:** \$8.75 per week**Accessory Package:** \$5.70 per week**Bowling:** Adult \$4.50, Youth \$3.00 per week**Raptor Lanes****283-2380**

*League length and cost may change once league committee has met.

Enlisted Club

**283-4146**

